these societies could be mobilized to take up the assignments for maintenance, tree plantation, protection of assets etc.

Pedestrian Overbridge on NH No. 5

2208. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive report has been prepared on new guidelines and rules on the ideal conditions where a "Pedestrian Overbridge" would be built on N.H. No. 5;

(b) whether the assured inspection of the Gundugolanu area on N.H. No. 5 in Andhra Pradesh has been completed;

(c) whether the technical experts have visited the spot recently;

(d) the specific steps that would be taken to address the serious concerns raised by the Road Safety Forum, Andhra Pradesh in this regard; and

(e) the time schedule to solve the pending issues in the interest of road safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) A consultant is being appointed for 'Road Safety Audit' for Gundugulam-Tuni Section of NH-5. The scope of work includes to examine requirement of various additional facilities including pedestrian overbridge. Various demands raised by Road Safety forum and other organizations are also included in the scope of work. The report of Road Safety Audit is likey tobe completed in December, 2006. Improvement of work based on the Road Safety Audit would be taken up accordingly.

Reduction of Toll Tax

2209. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI has a system to determine the tollage and different charges for any particular section of highways;

(b) whether it is a fact that the toll rates are rather arbitrary on National Highway 5 in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether a demand has been made by the Road Safety Forum to reduce the toll being charged between Vijayawada and Rajahmundry;

(d) the manner in which the NHAI would address this demand; and

(e) the steps proposed to reduce high tolls in that section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. Rate of user fee is determined on the basis of length of the tollable section and per km. rate provided in the National Highway (Rate of Fee) Rules, 1997 after necessary indexation and rounding off.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Development of Orissa Coastline

2210. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring new rules for development along the sea-shore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the development would be funded by the foreign agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of developments that are proposed to be taken up along the Orissa coastline?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) With respect to port development, there is no proposal at present to bring new rules for development along the sea-shore.

Funds allocated for National Highways in Tamil Nadu

2211. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: